

SCHOONER
BLOWN UPEighteen Hundred Tons Pe-
troleum Explodes

EIGHT MEN WERE KILLED

Ten Others Were Seriously Injured—The
Schooner Was Blown to Pieces
by the Force of the
Explosion.Marseilles, France, April 1.—The three
masted schooner Julien Henry of Phila-
delphia was blown to pieces here this
morning by the explosion of 1,800 tons
of petroleum. Eight persons were killed
and ten more seriously injured.

FOUR BODIES REMOVED.

Explosion in West Virginia Mine Kills
That Number.Charleston, W. Va., April 1.—Four
bodies have been removed to-day from
the Echo mine of the Buey Bros. Coal
& Coke company. It is thought no more
were killed in last night's explosion,
which is believed to have been caused
by a leakage of gas from an abandoned
mine.

BURLINGTON MAN PROMOTED.

Lieut. Comdr. Holden Made Aide on the
Staff of Adm. Schroeder.Charlestown, S. C., April 1.—Lieuten-
ant Commander J. H. Holden of Burling-
ton, Vt., has been appointed aide on
the staff of Rear Admiral Saxon Schroe-
der, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic
fleet. He has been on duty on the Mis-
souri.

NO LONGER SUPREME.

Speaker Cannot Tell When Tar-
iff Vote Will Be Taken.Washington, April 1.—When Speaker
Cannon left the White House to-day af-
ter a call on President Taft, he was
asked if the vote on the tariff bill would
be April 10. "God knows when," said
the speaker. "You may rest assured we
will vote as soon as we can with due
deliberation."

MOSES GOES TO GREECE.

Concord, N. H., Editor Appointed Min-
ister to That Country.Washington, April 1.—President Taft
sent to-day nominations to the Senate
of minister to Greece and Montenegro,
George H. Moses of New Hampshire.Mr. Moses is editor of the Concord,
N. H., Monitor.

CHELSEA.

Miss Zoe E. Hill went to Cambridge
Wednesday for a brief visit to friends.
Arthur Corwin returned to his home
in Somerville, Mass., Tuesday after
spending a few days with relatives here.At 7, S. C. Wilson left Monday morn-
ing on a business trip to Boston, Mass.,
as the objective point.The South Royalton stage made its
first appearance on wheels this spring
Tuesday evening.The personal property belonging to
Mrs. Edith Dumont which was sold at
auction Tuesday afternoon brought
very good prices. This was the first
auction held in the vicinity for several
months.Mrs. O. D. Medcalf returned last week
from Newbury, N. H., where she was
called the week before by the serious
illness of an aunt.Mrs. Edith Dumont with her eight
small children, the oldest being under
twelve, left for Pawtucket, R. I., where
she expects to make her future home.
Her husband preceded the family a few
weeks ago.Everett B. Jackson of Brookfield was
in town Monday and Tuesday to visit
his mother, Mrs. W. H. Sprague, who
was accompanied by a school friend,
Harold Lane of Fairfax.Fred E. Goodwin commenced Monday
sawing the unusually large stock of
logs which have been delivered at his
mill during the winter, the greater por-
tion of the stock are custom logs al-
though Mr. Goodwin has bought quite a
large amount of soft wood lumber this
winter. He is being assisted in the mill
by Mr. M. H. Renbourn.George M. Medcalf, who has rented
the Chelsea mills since last summer and
has done the custom grinding for the
farmers throughout this section has de-
cided to return to the duties of his farm
work, and the mill will be opened for
an indefinite time by Frank J. Titus,
who completes to do custom grinding
and will keep a full stock of feed on
sale.The Chelsea Dramatic club went to
Williamstown Monday night and pre-
sented their play, "Down East" to a full
house and an enthusiastic audience, and
returned with the satisfaction that the
play was both well presented and well
received.

A Seeing-the-Town Party.

A successful guessing game for a
children's party played out of doors was
called a "Seeing-the-Town Trip," says a
writer in Woman's Home Companion
for April. "A large collection of local
post cards was pinned about the lawn
on the tree trunks and other places.
The cards were numbered, and of course
the names of the views cut off. The
children were furnished with pencils and
paper and told to 'travel around town' and
write down what they saw. It was
amusing to see how some of the most
familiar scenes puzzled them. The
prizes were a post-card album for the
most successful guesser and a collection
of cards for the one who recognized the
fewest number."

HONESTY WON APPOINTMENT.

H. B. Chamberlain Put Back as Tax Lister
in Brattleboro.Brattleboro, April 1.—The honesty of
Herbert B. Chamberlain has been recog-
nized by the selectmen of this town in
appointing Mr. Chamberlain a member
of the board of listers, and thereby hangs
an interesting story. Mr. Chamberlain
was turned down as a lister at the an-
nual town meeting this month, after
having served 14 years. The value of
his services was recognized by the other
members of the board, and they were
disappointed when he was refused a re-
election.A few days ago Ernest S. Hall, who
was elected in place of Mr. Chamberlain,
resigned and the question arose as to
who should fill the vacancy. There was
opposition to Mr. Chamberlain, princi-
pally on account of his connection with
the estate of the late Col. William Aus-
tine, but the selectmen of the town in-
vestigated the matter and became satis-
fied that his conduct in relation to that
estate was entirely honorable. In view
of the various rumors concerning Mr.
Chamberlain and the estate, the publica-
tion of the facts in the case is authorized
in justice to Mr. Chamberlain.Col. Austine was a veteran of three
wars and lived alone in the Brooks house
many years. For some years Mr. Cham-
berlain was his private secretary, and
in his will Col. Austine left Mr. Cham-
berlain \$6,000. Col. Austine's tax inven-
tory, made out by Mr. Chamberlain, gave
a list of property before his death val-
ued at \$17,400. After his death the
estate amounted to considerably more
than \$100,000, and Mr. Chamberlain was
criticized for not having put more of it
into the tax list.The fact is that when Col. Austine's
executor set to work on the estate he
found in Col. Austine's safe deposit box
a package addressed to the executor and
marked: "Not to be opened until after
my death." The package contained sev-
eral bank books showing deposits of
\$35,000 in banks outside the state and
deposited in fictitious names.Mr. Chamberlain immediately added
the \$35,000 to the \$17,400 in the tax list.
The rest of the estate was in government
bonds, which were nontaxable. The list-
ers had no facts in the case for some
time, but the public has not.

BOYS TRIED TO WORK

THE BLACK HAND

But They Were Caught, and in Court
Are Accused of Attempt at
Extortion.Taunton, Mass., April 1.—Albert Wells,
aged 18, and James McKenna, aged 17,
both of North Easton, were arraigned
here this morning, charged with attempt-
ing to extort money from John S. Ames
of North Easton by a Black Hand letter
threatening death and destruction to the
Ames home if he did not give them
\$10,000. Ames has a Pinkerton detec-
tive live and when the boys came to get
the money at an appointed place, McKenna
was caught, but Wells escaped. They were
arrested at his home this morning. Wells
was held for the grand jury, after plead-
ing guilty, in \$10,000 bond. McKenna
pleaded not guilty and was held in \$300.

NEWFARE PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Pry Off Steel Straps and Iron Bars and
Get Away.Brattleboro, April 1.—Word was re-
ceived here yesterday of the escape of
two prisoners from Windham county
jail at Newfane last night. They were
Archie St. Peters, awaiting trial on the
charge of horse stealing at South Lon-
donbury, and George H. Streeter of
Greenfield, Mass., held for trial charged
with burglary at the Central Vermont
railway station here last fall.This was Streeter's second break as
he escaped the week after he was com-
mitted and was not captured until he
had reached Pittsburg, Pa., whence he
was brought back here. The men last
night managed to pry off two steel
straps at the back of the cell and an
iron bar from the outside window, mak-
ing an opening big enough to crawl
through. The authorities at the sur-
rounding towns were notified but there
is nothing to indicate in what direction
the men had gone.

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN IN RAID.

Eleven Arrested Yesterday Aft. Sent to
Bow Street Prison.London, April 1.—The militant wom-
en suffragettes made another attempt
yesterday afternoon to gain access to
the building of Parliament, but they
were easily foiled by the police, who
were expecting their coming and had
taken precautions. The public is get-
ting tired of these frequent exhibitions
before the House of Parliament, and
the women, whom the police drove back
among the spectators, received some
sympathy. Eleven of the ten of the most
persistent of them were arrested.

PASSES PRIMARY LAW.

Bill Goes Through New Hampshire House
—Expected to Become Law.Concord, N. H., April 1.—The first gen-
eral election primary law in New England
is believed to be assured to New Hamp-
shire through the action of the House
yesterday in passing an act sent down
from the Senate, with a few minor
amendments. It is expected that the
Senate will concur in these modifica-
tions.

NEGLECTED HIS CATTLE.

Charlotte Man Pleaded Guilty to Charge
of Cruelty to Animals.Burlington, April 1.—Thomas Mollison
of Charlotte was in Chittenden county
court yesterday afternoon and plead-
ed guilty to an information filed against
him by State's Attorney H. B. Shaw,
alleging cruelty to animals. Mollison
was sentenced later. His specific
crime was the neglect of the cattle on
his farm in Charlotte.

Suicide of Buffalo Hotel Man.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 1.—Capt. William
L. Angus, auditor for the Iroquois hotel
and regiment adjutant for the 74th reg-
iment, committed suicide this morning by
shooting himself through the head. He
had suffered a paralytic shock and had
been in poor health for some time.TESTIFY KENT
CONFESSEDWitnesses Say He Told Why
He Killed Mrs. Congdon

DR. TOWNSEND ON STAND

Confirms Testimony of Sheriff Leonard
and H. D. Savery—The Curious
Are Not Allowed in
Court.Rutland, April 1.—The state, in the
trial of Eloy Kent for the murder of
Della Congdon, introduced another
witness today, Dr. W. W. Townsend, a
physician of the house of correction, who
testified that Eloy Kent had admitted
killing Della Congdon. When he
asked Kent if the woman might not
have met her death in a scuffle they had
in the kitchen, he replied: "It wasn't
in the kitchen but in the milk room." This
room was where the body was found.
The balance of the morning was
taken up with the evidence of Massa-
chusetts officers who had to do with
Kent's capture at Pittsfield in October.
Eloy Kent admitted that he killed
Miss Congdon, according to the testi-
mony given in court yesterday by Allen
A. Leonard, a deputy sheriff, in the trial
of Kent on the charge of murder. He
said Kent's admission was made after
he had been taken to a house of cor-
rection in Rutland from Pittsfield, Mass.,
where he was arrested. Herbert D. Sav-
ery of Wallingford corroborated the testi-
mony.According to these witnesses Kent,
when asked why he killed Miss Congdon,
said she made a noise, and he was afraid
other people would hear him. The
courtroom was cleared of all wom-
en and children and all others not hav-
ing particular business there during the
testimony as to the alleged confession,
and also during the testimony of Dr. R.
H. Stone of Burlington, director of the
state laboratory of hygiene.During a chief of counsel, At-
torney General Sargent brought from At-
torney John D. Spellman the statement
that the defense expects to connect a
Wallingford man with the crime. This
man is a witness for the prosecution.
In telling of the alleged confession by
Kent, Deputy Sheriff Leonard said Kent
told him he wanted to come to court and
plead guilty."I asked him," said the witness, "if
Miss Congdon saw him before he reached
here. He said she did."

PRACTICED MEDICINE 55 YEARS.

Dr. Stewart of Randolph to Observe
Anniversary and Birthday.Randolph, April 1.—Dr. Stewart will
celebrate his 55th birthday and the 55th
anniversary of his medical practice to-
day, inviting the doctors of town to pass
the evening of Friday at his home. Though
Dr. Stewart's long practice in town he
has many friends in the families
who have employed him as a physician
who will regret the fact that in the near
future he will be obliged to resign some
of the more active duties he has de-
voted to a country physician even though
he is at present remarkably vigorous and
active, looking at least ten years youn-
ger than the 55 years he is celebrating.

LEFT \$1,000 TO CHURCH.

Bequest of Mrs. O. M. Stone Announced
at St. Johnsbury.St. Johnsbury, April 1.—The midweek
service at the North Congregational
church last night was in memory of
Mrs. O. M. Stone, who had been a mem-
ber of that church nearly 60 years and
more than half that time a teacher in
the Sunday school and an officer in the
church. Tributes were given by many
present and letters were received from
many pastors and a few friends. At
the close of the service, the an-
nouncement was made that by the will
of Mrs. Stone the church had received
\$1,000 to be added to its permanent
fund.

NEGROES OUT OF COLLEGE.

The Court Refuses to Act on Their Dis-
missal.Lansing, Mich., April 1.—Two colored
students who were dismissed from Grand
Rapids, Mich., Veterinary college some
time ago, following the objection of
white students to their presence, were
yesterday denied a writ of mandamus
by the supreme court to compel the col-
lege to let them pursue their studies.
The court held that a private corpora-
tion could not be compelled by manda-
mus to fulfill obligations under a con-
tract with an individual. The court
said: "The apparent hardship of a par-
ticular situation is not a good reason
for departing from this rule."

Found a Prize in a Quarry.

Middlebury, Conn., April 1.—Wesleyan
university has obtained from the brown-
stone quarry of F. E. Strickland, one
of the finest specimens of pitchblende
ever found. A high price was paid for
it to prevent its falling into the hands
of the Smithsonian Institution, of the
Museum of Natural History of New
York. The only specimen of this size is
now in the Smithsonian Institution.

MONTPELIER.

Intelligence was received yesterday
of the death at Providence, R. I., of
E. Perkins, a former resident of this city
and of East Montpelier. Mr. Perkins
was 62 years old and was a son of the
late Elkins Perkins. He had resided in
Providence for more than 30 years.F. G. Lambert of Cabot died yester-
day with Referee W. N. Thurlant a peti-
tion in bankruptcy. His liabilities are
given as \$9,961 and his assets about
\$2,000. Harry Daniels of East Mont-
pelier is the largest creditor named in
the schedule. Mr. Lambert claims an
undisputed account with Mr. Daniels
amounting to \$7,400.

GODDARD'S HONOR LIST.

Frank Tousey of Washington Heads It
for Last Term—School Reopens.Goddard seminary opened the spring
term of its usually large number of
students. The teaching force is the
same as last term, with the exception
of Mr. C. P. Hubbard, Tufts '09, who
comes to assist in the sciences and
mathematics. He will also have charge
of the athletic teams, having had ex-
perience as a member of the foot ball
and track teams for the last three years.
He resigned the captaincy of the track
team to come here. Although a member
of the graduating class, he had com-
pleted all of his work at midyear except
his thesis, so that he could accept a po-
sition to teach this spring term.The work of the instrumental depart-
ment is unusually attractive to pupils
in the city, and the class numbers 32.
Of these many take several lessons a
week, some in piano, in harmony, sight-
reading and also in the history of music.
The majority of the students in this
department attend regularly in one large
class throughout the year, for work in
notation, rhythm, and other fundamentals.In this way the students are enabled
to acquire a thorough knowledge of the
elements of music. One new departure
has been made this year, namely, the
formation of classes for ensemble work
and appreciation of music. The art of
listening intelligently to good music is a
much talked of one to-day. Work in
this training is also given in these classes.
The honor list at Goddard is something
that every ambitious student hopes to
reach. Every term ten honors are given
to those who attain the highest average
in all of the work taken. The list for
last term is as follows:

1. Frank Tousey, Washington.
2. Katherine Graves, Wells River.
3. John McLean, South Barre.
4. Ethel Lambert, Marshfield.
5. Ella Earle, Grandville.
6. Joseph T. Tinsley, E. Montpelier.
7. Bernice Butterfield, E. Corinth.
8. Esther Cate, Tokyo, Japan.
9. Ruth Pitkin, Marshfield.
10. Charles Roulund, E. Corinth.
- Rupert Phelps, Marshfield.

PANTON FARMER

TAKES OWN LIFE

Charles Tull, Aged 73, Ends Life Be-
cause of Poor Health, With Bor-
rowed Shotgun.Vergennes, April 1.—In his horse
barn about noon yesterday, Charles Tull
a prominent farmer of Panton, commit-
ted suicide by shooting himself with a
shotgun which he had borrowed from a
neighbor. The muzzle of the gun had
evidently been placed close to his right
cheek as that portion of his face was
blown completely off by the discharge
of the weapon.Tull went out to the barn to attend
to his horses as usual, his wife not
noticing any change in his actions or
demeanor. Shortly after he heard the
report of the gun and, fearing something
had happened to her husband and not
daring to investigate for herself, tele-
phoned to her son, who found her hus-
band dead in the barn.Mr. Tull had been in poor health for
a year and it is thought that in a sud-
den fit of despondency he was led to
take his life. He was a well-to-do and
successful farmer and as far as is
known without any financial embarrass-
ment. He was 73 years of age and
leaves a wife and two daughters, Ethel
and Helen. Dr. G. F. B. Willard of this
city was called and with Lyman J.
Kent, selectman, viewed the body.

KETCHAMS SEEK DIVORCE.

Vergennes Undertaker and Wife Thus
Observe Silver Wedding.Middlebury, April 1.—In Addison coun-
ty court yesterday a double divorce case
was started, that of Helen B. Ketcham
vs. Harvey Ketcham, and the latter has
filed a cross bill. Both cases are being
heard concurrently. These parties live
in Vergennes and were married in 1884.
They have been previously married.The husband is 65 years old and the
wife 57. Mrs. Ketcham left her husband
in August last year and she alleges in
her petition intolerable severity and re-
fusal to support. The husband claims
in his petition willful desertion and in-
tolerable severity.These cases have aroused a great deal
of interest in Vergennes, where the par-
ties are well known and where Mr. Ketch-
am has been a manufacturer and retail
dealer in furniture as well as an under-
taker for more than 40 years. J. E.
Gushman of Burlington is Mrs. Ketch-
am's counsel and Mr. Ketcham is rep-
resented by F. L. Fish and F. W. Tuttle
of Vergennes.

SPEEDY JUSTICE.

Burlington Housebreakers Sent to House
of Correction.Burlington, April 1.—Speedy justice
was meted out to William Miller, who
was arrested Tuesday night, charged
with breaking into Joseph Martin's house
on North Winooki avenue. Miller was
arraigned in city court yesterday after-
noon, waived examination and after
pleading guilty to an information filed
against him. He was sentenced to
serve not less than seven nor more than
eight months in the house of correction
at Rutland, without costs. Miller ac-
quired a pocket book, a violin, a razor
and some gloves from the Martin home,
all of which were returned.Miller was recently arrested upon
the completion of a sentence in Benning-
ton county jail for intoxication, was also
arraigned in city court yesterday after-
noon. He waived examination and plead-
ed guilty to stealing \$33 in money and
a \$35 gold watch from Daniel Haley of
this city. Miller was given not less
than eight nor more than 10 months in
the house of correction at Rutland, with-
out costs.

OUT OF COUNTY COURT.

Hiram P. Dee Election Case Passed Up
to Supreme Court.St. Albans, April 1.—In Franklin coun-
ty court yesterday, the case of state vs.
Hiram P. Dee came up when the respon-
dent filed a general demurrer to the in-
formation. This was overruled pro
forma by the court and the case was
passed up to the supreme court for a
settlement of the law questions. This
action probably takes the case out of
the local courts for a year at least.CLERKS GET
NEW BILLGain a Half Holiday for Two
Months of Year

STORES CLOSE AT 5.30

During July, August and September,
and All Day on All Legal Holidays.
The Agreement Runs for
Three Years.A settlement between the Clerks' union
and the Merchants' association was
reached last evening, when the union at
a special meeting voted to accept an
agreement which had been drawn up by
the clerks' and merchants' committees.
Since March first, when the clerks asked
for a new agreement to take the place
of the one which expired to-day, the two
committees representing the two bodies
have been struggling with an agreement
which would be accepted by both parties.
After several failures the two commit-
tees got together Tuesday night and
drew the agreement which was accepted
by the union last evening. The import-
ant changes in the agreement from the
old one are that during three months in
the summer the stores will close at 5:30
p. m., except Monday and Saturday
nights, and during July and August they
will close at noon on each Wednesday.
The clerks also get a holiday on the
second Wednesday in August and all legal
holidays of the year. The agreement
in full is as follows:Section 1. All stores to close at 6
o'clock p. m., except Monday and Sat-
urday nights, and the nights before Decem-
ber 24th, Thanksgiving day, July 4th,
Labor day, and Christmas. The stores
to close Monday nights at 9
o'clock, and Saturday nights at 10
o'clock, except the nights before Christ-
mas.Section 2. All stores to close at 5:30
o'clock p. m., Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday nights during July,
August and September. All stores ex-
cept the hardware stores to close at 12
o'clock noon each Wednesday during July
and August. The hardware stores agree
to give their clerks a half holiday each
week during July and August, paying
clerks for said half holidays to be left
optional with each merchant.Section 3. All stores to close the follow-
ing holidays and pay clerks for same:
New Year's day, Decoration day, July
4th, Labor day, Thanksgiving day, clerk's
holiday on second Wednesday in August,
and Christmas day. When any of these
holidays comes on Sunday, all stores to
observe the following Monday. Any
merchant may observe the six working
nights before Christmas.A resolution favoring the abolishment
of all offsets was adopted by a vote of
10 to 9. It was as follows: "That all
offsets be abolished."In Mr. Senter's talk, he told the list-
ers it was not a part of their duty to
assist the tax payer in making out his
list. The meeting adjourned with a vote
of thanks to Mr. Senter for his address.

DEATH OF A. A. CADY.

Former Granite Manufacturer of Barre
Died of Tuberculosis.Aldace Adalbert Cady, son of G. I. and
Emma (Clapp) Cady, died at the home
of his sister, Mrs. George E. Allen, in
Barre Town yesterday, March 31. Mr.
Cady was born in Royalton, August 19,
1868. At the age of 17 he entered the
employ of Marr & Gordon, where he
learned the granite cutter's trade and
where he was employed for ten years.When the Elcat Granite Co. was formed,
he became a member of the firm and so
continued for nearly ten years, or until
his health caused him to retire about
three years ago. Mr. Cady was a victim
of tuberculosis.He was twice married, first to Lillian
Grant Rutter of Lawrence, Mass., Dec.
28, 1888. She died in this city, May 9,
1901. On May 9, 1906, he married Miss
Lucille Aurelia, daughter of Oughtney
Lawrang of Montpelier, and survives
him. He is also survived by two chil-
dren by the first wife, Florence Elaine,
10 years old, of Salem, Mass., and
Stanley Aldace, 8 years old, of Lawrence,
Mass., a sister, Jessie A., and two broth-
ers, Ernest C. of Woodlands, Wash., and
Leon C. of Pennsylvania.Mr. Cady was a member of the Ancient
Order of Foresters of America and of
the Modern Woodmen.The funeral will be held from the home
of his sister, Mrs. George E. Allen, Sat-
urday at 2 p. m., the Rev. J. Edward
Wright of Montpelier officiating. The
interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

FUNERAL OF DANIEL RYAN.

Held From St. Monica's Church This
Morning.The funeral services of Daniel Ryan
were held at St. Monica's church at 9
o'clock this morning. Rev. P. M. McKen-
na celebrating high mass. The bearers
were Vincent Carney, T. J. Denning, N.
P. Hill, Daniel Murphy, M. R. Nichols
and Patrick Armstrong. Many floral
tributes were arranged around the cof-
fin. Interment was made in the Catho-
lic cemetery. Mr. Ryan was for over
35 years in the employ of the Montpel-
ier & Wells River railroad in different
capacities and for 19 years before his
death was the flagman at the Granite
street crossing in this city.

BOSTON CUTTERS SETTLE.

Get 11 Cents an Hour Increase and Two-
Year Agreement.Boston, April 1.—Yesterday the gran-
ite manufacturers' association and all
the employers who are not members of
the association signed a new working
agreement with the Boston branch of
the granite cutters' international associa-
tion, the agreement to go into effect to-
day and to continue for two years, and
for a longer period if no desire to change
is expressed by either side at the end
of two years.An increase of 11 cents an hour in
the minimum wage for the general line
of work is the main wage change, the
new minimum being established at \$3.36a day. There are a number of changes
in the rules, etc., the details of the
union in that respect being granted.The main features of the new agree-
ment and regulations for the government
of the trade are as follows:
The minimum wage for granite cut-
ters shall be \$3.36 a day, which is 42
cents an hour, for granite cutters work-
ing under the jurisdiction of the Boston
branch. Outdoor work to be paid for
at the rate of 43½ cents per hour where
the members lose no time. Where men
are compelled to work outdoors for a
period not exceeding an hour each day,
or when sent jobbing on contract work,
they shall be paid at the same rate as
when employed in the shed. They shall
be paid 50 cents an hour where men less
time and by all who are not regular em-
ployers of granite cutters.

GROCERY CLERKS STRIKE.

Thousands in Chicago Go Out For Short-
er Hours.Chicago, April 1.—April 1st was start-
ed with strikes of about 3,000 men in
various trades, and these will probably
spread to several thousand more. Most
of the men out are of the building
trades who were refused higher pay and
shorter hours. The strikes of steam fit-
ters and grocery clerks are the most
serious. There are a thousand of the
former and hundreds of the latter.

LISTERS WOULD

ABOLISH OFFSETS

Adopt Resolution Unanimously in Fav-
or of Doing Away With Offsets
Outside State.Thirty wise listers of Washington
county gathered yesterday in the city
court room at Montpelier to discuss
uniformity in making out lists and to
get a better idea of the tax laws. John
H. Senter, a member of the special tax
commission appointed by Governor
Proctor, addressed the meeting, after
which the discussion was informal and
general.R. W. Clark of Northfield was chair-
man of the meeting and H. Z. Dwinell
of Cabot secretary. All but two of the
towns in the county were represented.
That the listers are strongly in favor of
abolishing offsets was shown by the
resolutions adopted. Dr. Barber of
Barre Town made a ringing speech. He
said there was a man in his town who
swore off his personal property for
debits in Massachusetts. One of their
listers was commissioner on his estate
when he died. He couldn't find he ever
owed a cent to Massachusetts men, yet
he had had about his list and secured
it. He believed the allowing of off-
set for debts owing outside the state
was unconstitutional.

These resolutions were adopted:<